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LETTER DATED 12 JULY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SPAIN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the communiqué on Srebrenica issued by the Presidency on 12 July 1995 on behalf of the European Union.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Juan Antonio YÁÑEZ-BARNUEVO

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Annex

[Original: English and French]

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the situation in Srebrenica dated 12 July 1995

The European Union,

Strongly condemns the attacks launched by the Bosnian Serb forces on the safe area of Srebrenica and their subsequent occupation of the town. These attacks constitute a flagrant violation of United Nations Security Council resolutions 819 (1993), 824 (1993) and 836 (1993);

Demands an immediate halt to the Bosnian Serb forces' offensive and their withdrawal from Srebrenica, as well as full observance of the safe area status by all parties;

Demands the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages and UNPROFOR personnel being held, and full freedom of movement for the civil population of Srebrenica and for UNPROFOR;

Requests that humanitarian aid organizations be allowed unrestricted and immediate access to the Srebrenica area in order to ensure delivery of supplies of water, food and medical supplies, and to enable the wounded to be transported to hospitals;

Expresses its grave concern at the bombardment of Zepa and demands that it stop immediately.